



# *Mount Argus Bulletin*

## *The Parish of St Paul of the Cross and Shrine of St Charles of Mount Argus*

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**The Church is closed until further notice**

**Masses at Mount Argus – All Masses on Webcam only**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15 pm

Sunday: 11.00 am, 4.00 pm

Monday to Friday: 10.00 am, 6.15 pm

Saturdays: 11.00 am,

**Blessing with the Relic of St Charles**

Daily on the Webcam after the morning Mass

Sunday on Webcam at 11.00 and 4.00 Mass

**St Charles Novena Mass is available on the  
Webcam on Saturday at 11.00 am**

### **Today is the Third Sunday of Easter**

#### **Preparing for First Communion and Confirmation**

Today our 11.00 Mass is a special Family Mass for those who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. Usually at these preparation Masses, the children read the Scripture Readings and the Prayers of the Faithful. Because of the current restrictions, that is not possible, but our Prayers of the Faithful, which will be read by Father Dermot, have been written by some of the children who are preparing to receive these Sacraments. The period of preparation is longer than usual because the schools and churches are not able to function in the usual way. This week, Archbishop Martin wrote to us again about First Communion and Confirmation. He said: "We can only begin to speak of a timeframe for these Sacraments, when schools have been fully reopened and when it is possible once again to hold large indoor gatherings of people, especially children. This will not be the case for some months ahead. There is therefore absolutely no way that Confirmations or First Holy Communion can be celebrated, as some would suggest, during the months of May and June. I realise that this is very difficult for the pupils and their families. I will be in contact with the Priests, Parish teams and schools at a later date when there is further clarity around the situation."

In the meantime, here at Mount Argus we will continue posting the children's newsletter on our Facebook page each weekend and we will celebrate our monthly Special Family Mass which is especially for those who are preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. If there are other ways you think we can support you and your children in preparing for the Sacraments, please let us know.

**Office Hours:** To contact one of the Passionist priests or brothers, please call 01-499 2000. The office at the monastery is closed but the phone is attended from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, Monday to Saturday. Outside of those hours you can leave a message and we will call you back. If you are looking to have a Mass offered or for Mass Cards, please call the office (01-499 2000); cards can be posted out to you.

#### **MOUNT ARGUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to be a living parish where all will feel welcome, everyone will be appreciated and encouraged to use their gifts and people and priests work together to develop a community of faith and compassion.

**Thank You:** We thank those who have sent in donations to support Mount Argus Church and the Passionist Community during these days when there are no Sunday church collections. Donations received this week amounted to €2,130.

**Donation Button:** Following a number of enquiries from parishioners and friends, we now have a Donation button on the homepage of our website where you can contribute to the Collection at Mass, make a donation for the Easter Dues or Light a Candle.

**The Rosary during May:** Pope Francis has written a letter to all the Faithful, encouraging us to pray the Rosary during the month of May. He writes: “The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May.” The full text can be found on our Facebook page. At Mount Argus we pray the Rosary after morning Mass. **During the month of May, we will also be livestreaming Rosary and Benediction every Wednesday at 7.30 pm.**

**Times of Masses:** Mount Argus Church remains closed for the time being. This is for the safety of our parishioners and friends following the instructions from the Government. All Masses are being live streamed and recorded on the parish website ([www.mountargusparish.ie](http://www.mountargusparish.ie)). Here are the Mass times at Mount Argus:

Sundays: Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm; Sunday Masses at 11.00 am and 4.00 pm

Monday to Friday: Masses at 10.00 am and 6.15 pm

Saturdays: St Charles Novena Mass at 11.00 am; Vigil Mass at 6.15 pm

The Blessing with the Relic of St Charles of Mount Argus is given after the morning Masses on weekdays and after both Masses on Sundays.

The Rosary is prayed on the webcam after morning Mass on weekdays (Monday to Saturday), except on Fridays when we pray the Stations of the Cross after the morning Mass.

**Harold’s Cross Community Response:** Harold’s Cross Community Council are in the early stages of setting up a volunteer group to help those in need in the Harold’s Cross area of Dublin at this challenging time. We are mobilising a group to help our neighbours and one another out over the next weeks/months as required during the COVID-19 outbreak. We are following a Community Response Plan that has emerged from Dublin 8. If you are interested in getting involved in some way, please fill out your details on the form which you will find by following the link at [www.haroldscross.org](http://www.haroldscross.org) and we will be in touch with you.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE, the organisation which helps older people, has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**Volunteer Help in the Community:** Templeogue Synge Street GAA Club has set up a COVID-19 Community Response Group. Do you need help to get your shopping? We have a network of volunteer members in our GAA club who are ready and willing to help anyone needing assistance as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Our contact number is 089 982 6794. Simply call or text our Community Response Group number above, and we will arrange for one of our volunteers to get in touch with you directly. We are here to assist those in the community who are in need to self-isolate, to get their essential messages: grocery shopping, prescription collections etc. Our members will not enter your home and will practice social distancing as advised by the HSE. Your engagement will be kept confidential; we will not retain any personal information.

**Dublin South City Partnership** is a local development company (based in Crumlin) that offers a range of supports for the local community. In response to COVID-19 they are providing supports from food parcels to prescription/ shopping collection, Care and Repair team, or putting in touch with other support agencies. For more information or to avail of any supports please ring the Partnership office on 01-473 2196.

**(Last Sunday’s Collection did not take place    Standing Orders were approx. €250)**

**Child Safeguarding:** Mount Argus Parish is committed to ensuring the highest level of protection for all children who engage with our parish in any way. For information about the work of our Child Safeguarding Team or for the Dublin Diocese Statement, Procedures and Guidelines, see the posters on our Church notice boards or go to [www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection](http://www.mountargusparish.ie/child-protection)  
To speak to a member of the Mount Argus Child Protection Safeguarding Team, please call 085 132 5389.